This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.
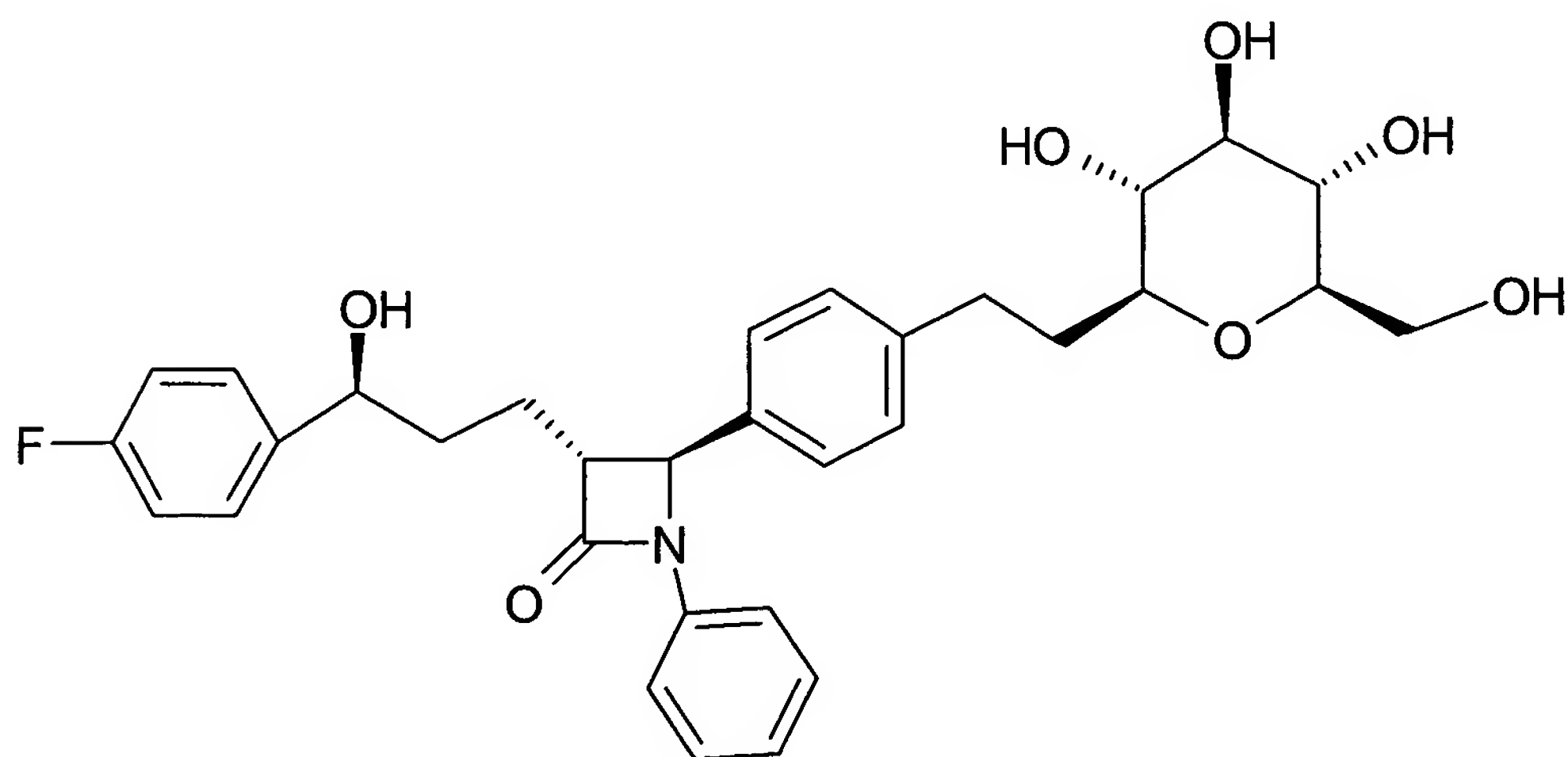
Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) A serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis comprising a combination of a compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts

and at least one HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor.
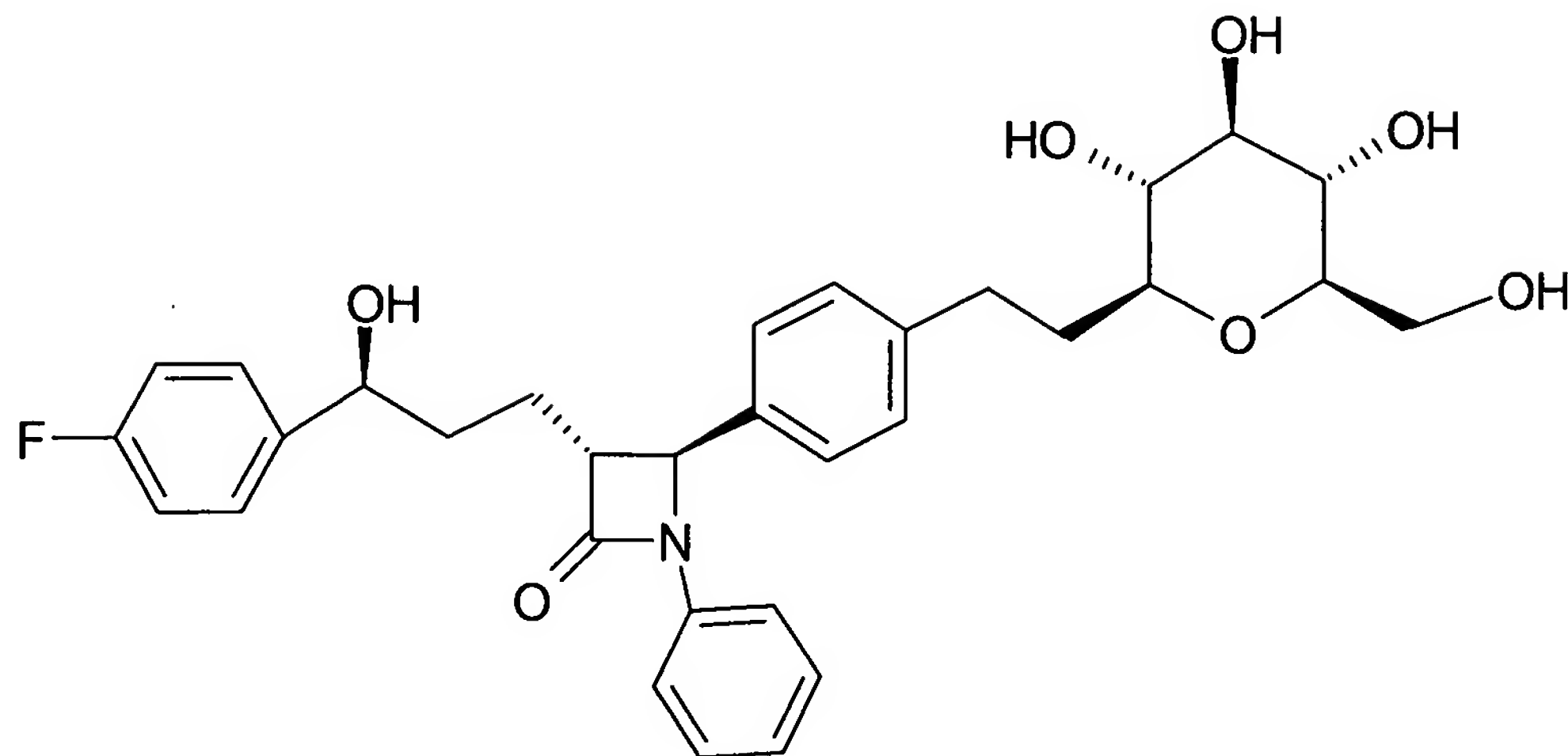
5-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously added) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4, wherein the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of pravastatin, lovastatin, fluvastatin, simvastatin, itavastatin, atorvastatin, cerivastatin, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin and carvastatin.

30. (Currently amended) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 ~~administered as~~ in the form of a powder, tablet, granule, capsule, liquid, suspension, suppository, ointment or inhalant.

31. (Previously added) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 further comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives or excipients selected from lubricants, binders, collapses, fillers, buffers, emulsifiers, preservatives, anti-oxidants, coloring agents, coating agents or suspending agents.

32. (Currently amended) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 ~~administered in amounts corresponding to 0.1-100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions of~~ comprising the

compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula

<u>in amounts corresponding to 0.1~100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions</u> and ~~5~100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions of~~ the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor <u>in amounts corresponding to 5~100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions</u>.

33. (Cancelled)